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SUMMARY MISOFF OBTAINED RESPONSE FROM NAUDY (FRANCE) ON US VIEWS RE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONING OF ICSC. FRENCH COULD NOT AGREE TO OUR APPROACH.

1. PER PARA 5 REFTEL (A), MISOFF MET WITH NAUDY SEPT 21 TO OBTAIN GOF VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RAISED PREVIOUSLY BY MISOFF. NAUDY BEGAN BY SAYING THAT US APPROACH TO COMPOSITION OF ICSC AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (C) WAS "VERY CLEVER AND INTERESTING," BUT HIS GOVT COULD NOT AGREE FOR TWO MAJOR REASONS.

2. FIRST, NAUDY REFERRED TO A MATTER OF "PRINCIPLE" WHICH PERTAINED TO EITHER ALL OR NONE OF PERM MEMBERS SC BEING INCLUDED AS FULL-TIMZ MEMBERS OF ICSC. HE POINTED OUT THAT IDEA OF ROTATING SEAT FOR ICSC AMONG PERM MEMBERS WAS NOT ONLY UNACCEPTABLE TO HIS GOVT BUT ALSO A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LIMIT FULL-TIMZ MEMBERS TO US, UK, AND
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FRANCE SINCE ANY EFFORT TO DO SO LIKELY TO BRING RESPONSE FROM USSR

AND CHINA FOR SIMILAR STATUS.

3. SECOND MAJOR OBJECTION WAS THE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION THAT, IN OPTING FOR ANY ARRANGEMENT OTHER THAN THREE FULL-TIME MEMBERS, THERE

WAS REAL DANGER IN OPENING UP A "PANDORA'S BOX." NAUDY SAID HIS GOVT DID NOT CONSIDER FULL-TIME MEMBERSHIP ON ICSC OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE AS US AND THEREFORE DID NOT WANT TO RUN RISK OF ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT FURTHER DETERIORATE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF COMMISSION. NAUDY CHARACTERIZED HIS GOVT'S POSITION IN THIS INSTANCE AS BEING THAT OF A "PRAGMATIST" AND HOPED THAT WE COULD JOINTLY DIRECT OUR ATTENTION TO BEST POSSIBLE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COMMISSIONERS.

4. MISOFF ASKED NAUDY WHETHER GOF WAS COMMITTED TO ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE THREE FULL-TIME AND TEN PART-TIME COMMISSION MEMBERS BE PATTERNED AFTER ACABQ. WE RESPONDED THAT, WHILE THIS WAS IDEA OF USYG DAVIDSON, HIS GOVT HAD NO FORMAL POSITION SINCE SYG HIMSELF HAD MADE NO RECOMMENDATION. HOWEVER, NAUDY DID EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SEEMED TO BE LOGICAL AND PRACTICAL.

5. FINALLY, NAUDY REITERATED GOF DESIRE FOR WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH US AND OTHERS TO CAREFULLY REVIEW ICSC STATUTE TO ENSURE PROPER ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY AMONG FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, AND ENTIRE COMMISSION. HE SUGGESTED FRENCH/US MEMBERS OF ACABQ TO WORK CLOSELY SINCE IT WAS HIS FEELING THAT OUR JOINT INTEREST COULD BE BEST SERVED THROUGH THAT BODY RATHER THAN LARGER AND UNWIELDY FIFTH COMITE.

6. MISOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO NAUDY FOR OBTAINING PROMPT REPLY AND SAID GOF VIEWS WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO WASHINGTON, AND HE WOULD INFORM NAUDY OF WHAT APPROACH USG WILL TAKE.

COMMENT: GIVEN ABOVE NEGATIVE RESPONSE, MISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS OUR APPROACH WITH OTHERS AS AUTHORIZED IN REFTEL (B). FURTHER MISSION BELIEVES WE HAVE LITTLE TO GAIN BY CONTINUING TO SEEK FULL-TIME SEAT ON ICSC AND SUGGESTS DEPT IDENTIFYING EMINENTLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN SERVE AS PART-TIME COMMISSION MEMBER AS WELL AS SUGGESTING NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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